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Winter-run chinook salmon: Good numbers of juvenile winter-run chinook have been reported from CDFG Rotary Screw Traps above Red Bluff this year, but there is no indication that these fish have started to outmigrate yet. No winter-run juveniles have been observed in the Delta in the last three weeks. A tentative date of Nov. 1st has been set for the Winter-Run Project Work Team to discuss the Juvenile Production Estimate (JPE) for this year.

Steelhead and Spring-run Chinook: The juvenile spring-run outmigration has started with a few yearlings being seen at Mill Cr and Deer Cr (~3/day), Butte Cr (0-3/day). Monitoring has begun as of October 1st and weekly DAT calls have been resumed. A new web page is being developed for the DAT this year (thanks to Sheila Greene) and use of the Decision Tree that USFWS presented today.

No juvenile spring-run chinook have been observed at Knights Landing and only a few small juvenile Fall-run chinook have been seen by FWS at Chipps and Sac.-Trawl. The CVP-OCAP consultation for spring-run chinook and steelhead is back on track with a **Draft** Biological Assessment being submitted by DWR next week.